The History Department offers a wide range of courses that span from the pre-modern past to the contemporary era and geographically circle the globe. Courses build on a number of disciplinary vantage points and explore various themes, including cultural, economic, environmental, gender, global and transnational, Indigenous, intellectual, labour, legal, political, and religious history. In addition, students have the opportunity to undertake a variety of independent research, community projects, experiential learning, and internship opportunities. The emphasis on analysis, critical thinking, research, communication, and writing skills prepare history students for careers in law, education, public policy, business, museum and archives, publishing, research, and media.

**TOP 5 REASONS to study HISTORY**

1. A History degree provides essential skills for a variety of career options, including education, law, policy, public service, media, and business.

2. History offers a range of small-sized seminars, which allow students to interact with professors individually and provides an enriching learning experience.

3. The range of courses spans the globe. History lecture and seminar courses cover every continent, and many courses examine the interconnected nature of human experience.

4. History helps us to critically examine how the world we inhabit came to be.

5. A history degree offers opportunities for innovative independent research projects and a number of real-world experiential learning and public history internships.

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Our alumni also work in fields such as **media, libraries and archives, management, museums**, and as **researchers and consultants** for industry. Listen to our **Alumni Archives Podcast** to learn more.

**2021-22 major thresholds**

Thresholds are made on a competitive basis and are updated annually. To see the thresholds for all programs as well as the latest information, please visit [quartsci.com/planselection](http://quartsci.com/planselection).

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**Alumni STORY**

“Studying in the Queen’s History department taught me a number of great things, including that I know a small fraction of what there is to know, but that I have the capacity to learn a lot through discussion, analysis and hard work.”

- Christine Platt, BAH ’07

**Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.**

That is a degree from Queen’s.

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2021-2022

History MAJOR MAP *

1ST YEAR

GET THE COURSES YOU NEED

In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of History along with some electives.

Attend Majors Night in the Winter term to learn more about Plan options.

Questions about the History program? Meet with the a peer advisor (PATH) or contact the Department’s Academic Advising Team.

GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Join teams or clubs on campus such as the Queen’s Debating Union (QDU) and Queen’s International Affairs Association. See the AMS Clubs Directory or the Queen’s Get Involved page for more ideas.

Consider getting involved with the History Department Student Council to help shape the experience of all History students at Queen’s.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations, museums, and cultural studies groups, such as the AMS Social Issues Commission and the Kingston Museum of Healthcare. Check out Kingston Museums for more ideas.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate and research possible immigration regulations.

Speak to a QUIC advisor to get involved in their programs, events, and training opportunities.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

2ND YEAR

START GOING DEEPER INTO THE DISCIPLINE OF HISTORY AND CONSIDER A MINOR TO DIVERSIFY YOUR LEARNING EXPERIENCE. ATTEND DEGREE + IN THE FALL TERM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT CERTIFICATES AND INTERNSHIP OPTIONS.

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GET RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Look into summer jobs by talking to the dept. or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study.

Explore History’s internship opportunities through HIST 212: Experiential Learning in Historical Practice.

Consider taking more responsibility within different extracurriculars. Think about applying to positions in student services, the AMS, or media outlets like the Queen’s Journal, CFRC and Studio Q.

GET CONNECTED WITH THE COMMUNITY

Get involved with the Department Student Council (DSC) and attend department events to network with faculty and fellow students.

Start or continue volunteering with organizations such as Queen’s Model Parliament.

GET THINKING GLOBALLY

Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office.

Interested in British History? Consider taking a special History course cluster at our Castle campus in England during the Fall term.

GET READY FOR LIFE AFTER GRADUATION

Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services library, such as Top Careers for History Graduates. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

3RD YEAR

A chance interest, many an Advisor’s planned

If interested

Consider internship

Consider Project a Queen’s

Apply to Learning

Do large careers etc

Queen’s network

Build your involved improving

Indigenous

Look for opportunhs learning ab new to you

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps for the online version with links!
**1D YEAR**

- Have the chance to start grouping courses in areas of interest, or to keep it more general and explore new areas of History. Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have needed out your courses for next year.

**4TH OR FINAL YEAR**

- In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

**What will I learn?**

A degree in History can equip you with:

- Knowledge of a broad spectrum of historical events and trends
- Understanding of how historians study the past
- Knowledge of how political, social, economic, and cultural change occurs
- Understanding of the relationship between history and current events
- Analytical skills to make judgements based on available historical evidence
- Research skills to synthesize large amounts of material and identify relevant information
- Attention to detail to analyze texts and historical arguments
- Problem solving to develop systematic procedures for investigating a problem
- Resource and time management

**Where can I go?**

A degree in History can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master’s. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Anthropology
- Archival science
- Genealogical research
- Intelligence analysis
- Library science
- Museum curator
- Policy analyst
- Public administration
- Technical writing

Taking time to explore career options, build experience and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

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- **Consider a 12-16 month QUIP Internship**
  - Investigate requirements for full-time jobs or other opportunities related to careers of interest.
  - Assess what experience you’re lacking and fill in gaps with volunteering, clubs, or internships – check out the Career Services skills workshop for help.
  - Consider completing an Independent Research Paper in History (HIST 514/515) and submit your work at the Inquiry @ Queen's Undergraduate Conference.

- **Consider joining professional associations like the Heritage Canada Association and the Canadian Historical Association (CHA).**
  - Become involved as a Peer Advisor in our Peer Advising Team in History (PATH).

- **Consider applying for an M.A. in History to specialize in fields such as Global History, Postcolonial and Decolonial Thought, and Environmental History.**
  - Get involved with the Global History Initiative.

- **Apply to jobs or future education, or make plans for other adventures.** Get help from Career Services with job searching, resumes, interviews, Grad School applications, or other decisions.
  - Apply in the fall for SSHRC and OGS scholarships if applying to grad school in Ontario.

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*This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone’s abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Major Map using our online My Major Map tool.*
How to use this map

Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don’t have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My Major Map tool.

Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen’s provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen’s, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen’s wants you to succeed! Check out the Student Affairs website for available resources.

Start Dates

in May, September, or January

Positions

are paid and full-time

Work Terms

are 12-16 months long

Program Overview

- Graduate with “Professional Internship” on your degree.
- Learn about current advances, practices and technologies in business and industry.
- Test drive a career, earn a competitive salary, and get real world experience.

Eligibility

- 2nd or 3rd Year Students
- Minimum GPA of 1.9

Why QUIP?

- Gain a year of career-related work experience.
- Build network connections.
- Receive support from Queen’s staff in job search and during internship.

Sample Past Internships

- Planning Logistics Intern
- Communications & Market Research Intern
- Resource Conservation Technician
- Quine & Program Development Intern
- Technical Writer
- Economic Analyst

For more information, contact quiq@queensu.ca or visit the Program Website.

Why study in Kingston?

For over 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen’s has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen’s has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen’s – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.